

Brookline Together Board Meeting

April 8, 2024 via Zoom

Attendance: Caitlin McNulty, Don Mudrick, Blake Plavchak, Lisa Wilson, Melissa Distel-Kilmer, Bill Kim, Mark Hopkinson, Renee Kostas (guest), Victoria Contreras (guest)

Meeting called to order by Caitlin McNulty at 7:01 PM.

March community meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Bill, seconded by Blake. All approve.

Treasurer's Report by Bill Kim:

- Budget set, no further discussion from the board
- Permits for BT events are being billed online, but can only be paid by check.
 - o Two outstanding fees from 2023 for Breeze and BreezeFest
 - o Let Bill know of any permit purchases so he can check the online portal and mail a check.

Membership Report by Caitlin McNulty

- Nothing new to report for April.

Events Report by Lisa Wilson & Don Mudrick:

- Yard sale applications are coming through for both the Rec Center and at local residences (approximately 20 so far)
- Prices go up unless you are a BT member and are as follows
 - o \$15 until the end of April
 - o \$20 until the end of May
 - o Posters and banner should be ready this week (second week of April)
- Breeze Race revenue so far is \$1,200 despite higher pricing this year.
 - o Prices to go to \$30 from now until August when the price raises to \$35.
 - o Don would like to get some sweatshirts at a \$12 cost and can be sold for \$25 the day of the Breeze race/Breezefest.
- BreezeFest
 - o Don will reach out to former race manager Clint to see if he would be willing to serve as a "course coordinator" for this year's race.
 - o Suggestion of 'mini billboards' on the posts on the Boulevard but would require permitting from the city.
 - o Sandwich boards are also suggested to provide information, directions, etc.
 - Have a pocket to insert and remove information as necessary.
 - o Potential interest in volunteering from Pitt students who volunteered at the April Clean Up event.
 - o Melissa mentioned that vendors are still signing up and that a stage is still needed.
 - Unable to rent the county stage
 - Caitlin suggested reaching out to local schools and universities to see if there are stages or resources there we might be able to use.

- Don suggested an idea for a Wellness Fair that is not tied to any vendors but more as a neighborhood resource (such as having experts come out and speak to a neighborhood audience) or events such as Yoga In The Park.

Beautification by Lisa Wilson, Blake Plavchak and Bill Kim:

- Bill has been cutting the grass and is looking to meet with the contractor doing the grading to review the site.
- Intention is to get some fencing up by the end of April to have something small started for this growing season.
- Lisa discussed the recent April Clean Up along the Boulevard; mulching provided up and down the Boulevard. Planting is planned for May.
- Bulletin board renovations will begin in May.
- Cannon Park Historic designation process is still on time to be completed by Memorial Day.
 - o Public hearing is on the schedule of city council and the Cannon designation is in all of the appropriate committees for review
 - o Potential to get some landscaping done in the Cannon Park. Boy Scout Troop was approved to do some painting and repairs to the benches in the park.
 - o City forester to come check out the trees in the area.

New Business:

- Potential for DAM at the next community meeting in May.
- Ballots will be prepared and notification emailed to all BT members for upcoming elections for Secretary and Event Co-Chair
 - o Secretary candidates: Victoria Contreras, Amber Manson-Webb
 - o Event Co-Chair: Renee Kostas
- PWSA may commence construction work on a storm water connection down at the Brookline Rec Center; Blake advised PWSA about the timeline of our Flea Market and sports leagues currently using the area.

Caitlin motions to end, Don seconds, all board members approve.